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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: FRENCH SHARE OUR PREOCCUPATION
OVER IMPLICATIONS OF GONZ CONCEPT OF SPNFZ AND ITS
DRAFT RESOLUTION. NOW THAT US-GOF CONSULTATIONS ON
THIS SUBJECT OF MUTUAL INTEREST ARE UNDERWAY, WE
RECOMMEND THEY CONTINUE IN WASHINGTON, NEW YORK AND
PARIS. END SUMMARY.

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2. WE RAISED SUBJECT OF SPNFZ WITH PAGNIEZ (QUAI CHIEF

OF PACTS AND DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS) AS INSTRUCTED BY REF A.
DRAWING ON APPROPRIATE PARTS OF PARAS 4 AND 5 OF REF B,
WE EXPLAINED U.S. CONCERN OVER GONZ PROPOSAL AS IT WOULD
AFFECT EXISTING U.S. SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AND FREEDOM
OF SEA RIGHTS.

3. PAGNIEZ SAID THAT THE GOF WAS CURRENTLY EXAMINING
QUESTION OF APPROPRIATE FRENCH POLICY CONCERNING GONZ
PROPOSAL, BUT HAS NOT YET DECIDED ITS POLICY FOR DEALING
WITH DRAFT RESOLUTION IN UNGA. ECHOING OUR PRESENTATION
OF U.S. CONCERN, PAGNIEZ SAID THAT THE FRENCH, TOO, WERE
DEEPLY PREOCCUPIED BY FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES RAISED BY THE
DRAFT RESOLUTION. FRENCH FOUND PARTICULARLY TROUBLESOME
SUCH ARBITRARY RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED OVER A WIDE AREA OF
THE HIGH SEAS. TAKING LINE SIMILAR TO ZURHELLEN'S IN
PARA 1 REF C, PAGNIEZ ADDED THAT FRENCH WERE ALSO CON-
CERNED BY LEGAL ASPECTS OF A NEW REGIME THAT IS

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DESIGNED TO BE IMPOSED ON SOVEREIGN NATIONS WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OR AGREEMENT OF THOSE NATIONS DIRECTLY AFFECTED (I.E., FRANCE). FINALLY, FRENCH ARE BOTHERED BY ADVERSARY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DRAFT RESOLUTION AND FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTING IN SOUTH PACIFIC.

4. PAGNIEZ SAID THAT THE FRENCH HAVE NOT CONSULTED WITH THE UK. MOREOVER HE SAID THAT -- TO HIS KNOWLEDGE -- THE GOF HAS NOT HAD FORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GONZ, ALTHOUGH (WHEN WE POINTED OUT ROWLING'S REFERENCE TO FRANCE REPORTED IN PARA 8 REF D) HE DID NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT THERE MAY HAVE BEEN INFORMAL CONTACTS BETWEEN THE TWO OF WHICH HE WAS NOT AWARE.

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5. PAGNIEZ SAID HE EXPECTED THAT GOF WOULD REACH ITS DECISION ON HANDLING DRAFT RESOLUTION WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS, AND HE UNDERTOOK TO INFORM US OF THAT DECISION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. IN RESPONSE TO OUR INQUIRY, PAGNIEZ SAID THAT HE DID NOT THINK THE FRENCH DELEGATION AT THE UN WOULD BE SUFFICIENTLY INFORMED OF THE DETAILS OF THE SPNFZ ISSUE TO DISCUSS IT . IN ANY DEPTH WITH USUN AT THIS TIME.

7. COMMENT: WHILE FRENCH HAVE THEIR OWN PROBLEM WITH GONZ DRAFT RESOLUTION (I.E., NUCLEAR TESTING ASPECTS), THEY SHARE WITH US BROAD OBJECTIONS BASED ON MORE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. WE ARE IN NO POSITION TO JUDGE ACCURACY OF PAGNIEZ' STATEMENT ABOUT COMPETENCE OF FRENCH MISSION IN NEW YORK TO CONSULT NOW ON THIS SUBJECT. NEVERTHELESS, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT USUN GIVE IT A TRY. AT THE VERY LEAST THIS WOULD UNDERSCORE THE SERIOUSNESS THAT USG ATTACHES TO ISSUE AND TO NEED FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH GOF. MOREOVER, AS FRENCH, US, AND UK POSITIONS ON DRAFT RESOLUTION FIRM UP, WE RECOMMEND THAT ALL THREE NATIONS STAY IN CLOSEST CONSULTATION IN WASHINGTON, NEW YORK, AND IN CAPITALS OF LONDON AND PARIS. TOWARD THAT END, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT FULLY INFORMED OF WASHINGTON THINKING ON THIS SUBJECT IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN OUR DIALOGUE AT THIS END.
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